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## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

We cannot be expected to occupy much of our limited space with the long 10 columns message of Gov. Parker. It was delivered on Wednesday, and printed the same evening in most of the daily journals of the State. Most of our citizens who feel an interest in this annual presentation of the Governor's views of State affairs, will have read it before this issue of the GAZETTE reaches them. For the information of others we shall recapitulate such facts as are of present importance and will treat of other questions as they come up in action in the Legislature, or come within the purview of our editorial programme.

The fiscal affairs of the State are in a very favorable condition. The funded debt is moderate and easily manageable without oppressive taxation. The State mates of the Controller give a probable revenue for the coming year of \$1,610,000, and an expenditure of \$1,400,000, leaving in the treasury \$810,000.

The Educational, Humane, Reformatory and Penal Institutions of the State receive due notice. Our Educational system insures to New Jersey free schools not merely in name but in fact. Other subjects are very properly dwelt upon in the message but do not require our notice just now. The Centennial Exposition is considered at some length and fairly, and such measures suggested as will in the Governor's estimate conduce to the success of the Exposition and to the advantage and credit of the industries of our own State. On the whole we like the message. It well sustains Gov. Parker's reputation for intelligent and patriotic devotion to the interests of New Jersey.

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**THE BEECHER TRIAL.**—The trial of Tilton versus Beecher is now in progress in Brooklyn. An array of distinguished Counsel on either side increases the interest. Whether Mr. Tilton will be able to make good his claim for damages for the alienation of his wife's affections, which he seems not to have had grace or substantial anchorage enough to retain himself, is very doubtful.

We have engaged a special correspondent who will be in daily attendance upon the trial, to give us a weekly summary of the proceedings up to Wednesday night, each week. Besides this our New York letter in this issue gives a graphic description of the personnel of Court and Counsel.

**ALPHONSO XII.**—son of Isabella, has been proclaimed by the army King of Spain, and the circle in which the Latin nations of Europe usually move is once more complete. First an uprising against spiritual and civil despotism, then a government labelled either a constitutional monarchy or a republic, then a supreme effort of clericalism to recover its lost power, then an intrigue in which the Church and the army are the principal parties, and then the restoration of the old dynasty.

We have no great hopes of Alphonso. He is a bad egg. From such a mother how could there spring a worthy son? Yet mother and son will both have the benediction of Holy Church. What a satire upon the Christian religion.—Exchange.

**BACK NUMBERS.**—The back numbers of the GAZETTE are being sought for. We frequently have applications for them. Sometimes from a distance, as recently from Connecticut, from New York city, and from Madison, N. J., and more frequently from our own citizens.

**REASONS.**—Doubtless this is because our paper is filled with matter of intrinsic consequence and of real value. It record of town affairs, of local and State interests, of prominent names and of notable incidents, is unquestionably of historic importance and will increase in value as years roll on.

A gentleman, who had the voluntary to 1873, bound, remarked to us the other day that he frequently experiences a real delight in taking up the book and reading from the corresponding period of that year. Even the advertisements give historic testimony to the occurrences and progress of those months. Hitherto we have been able to supply back numbers when called for, but our files are so reduced that they would now furnish very few complete sets. We advise subscribers to preserve their sets carefully if they do not bind them.

**NEW SUBSCRIBERS.**—We are gratified with new additions to our subscription list every week. Sometimes they are accompanied with evidences of appreciation and good wishes like the following:

"N. Y., Jan. 9.—Dear Sir: I enclose \$2 to pay my subscription for 1875. Your paper pleases me very much, and affords me a very gratifying medium of information, showing the growth of and changes in, my native town. Trusting that all your subscribers are thrusting remittances upon you thus early, I remain yours truly, F."

"East Orange, Jan. 8.—Enclosed find my subscription for the GAZETTE for 1875. Some teachers say they do not feel able to subscribe. I do not feel able to do without \$2. Very truly yours, —D."

Similar and stronger oral expressions of satisfaction and approval, freely made to us or to others who have mentioned the same, have been repeated almost every day greatly to our encouragement.

CHURCH TRIALS.—The following gentlemen constituting the old board of trustees of the Presbyterian church Bloomfield were re-elected on Wednesday evening for the coming year. Thomas McGowan, President; John F. Folsom, secretary; Samuel J. Potter, Treasurer; N. Harvey Dodd, J. Banks Reford, Aug. T. Morris, Theo. H. Ward.

**OPENING OF THE GREAT CASE—APPEARANCE OF THE PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL—THE PROCTOR CASE AGAIN.**—On Monday, January 11th, the trial of the great Plymouth preacher was fairly begun. Twele better to say, perhaps, that it was formally begun for ex-Judge Morris' onslaught on the defendant could hardly be characterized as fair in any sense of the word, paraking as it did more of the nature of a summing up of a case that had been tried than that was to be tried.

The court room was crowded to overflowing within ten minutes after the doors were opened, notwithstanding the restrictions in regard to cards of admission which were rigidly enforced.

The presiding judge was the Hon. Joseph Nelson, whose firmness bids fair to insure a speedy trial as is possible in so great a case. He is the chief of the three judges who hold the City Court of Brooklyn. Judge Shackleton, of Culpepper Court House, Virginia, visiting the city, occupied a seat upon the bench on the first day.

Counsel for Mr. Tilton first entered the Court, with considerable effort to attract attention from the outset. Mr. Tilton followed with long strides and a calmness so manifestly forced that it was generally conceded.

Mr. Beecher was on hand promptly, accompanied by his wife, who will attend throughout the trial. His counsel sat near him, the Hon. Wm. M. Evans, of course, having the most prominent seat as senior counsel.

Ex-Judge Morris opened for Mr. Tilton and occupied two full days and a great part of the third in laying before the jury the story of the charge as previously published, well knowing that much of what purported to be evidence would fail to stand the test and be ruled out, and never reach the jury in any other way, dwelling with special fervor upon what he knew would be inadmissible on the trial.

He failed utterly to develop any new features, and, consequently, it is understood that there are none.

He inveigled bitterly against Mr. Beecher's eminence and renown, as well as against him personally, drew a touching picture of the poverty of his client, and closed with the modest request that the intelligent jury would please brand the aforesaid divine as desired by [my] said client and award the latter individual the exact cash value of his wife's honor.

Mr. Augustus Maverick, managing editor of the Brooklyn *Daily Argus*, was the first witness called.

He testified that Mr. Tilton married Elizabeth R. Richards in Plymouth Church, and that Mr. Beecher performed the ceremony, and that he (Maverick) was the groomsman.

Francis D. Moulton followed. He was exceedingly nervous, retained his seat with great apparent difficulty and sought strength from the arms of his chair and consolation from his moustache, which, like his hair, is a Sollerino hue.

Mr. Fulerton conducted the examination.

He was in the case, leaving out the name, but Mr. Beecher's counsel were not to be caught napping, and when they developed this fact there was great excitement in court and some applause, at which Mr. Moulton winced, the recollection of his recent apology for these identical allegations evidently failing to set his mind at rest.

The court very properly and promptly ruled it out.

After the adjournment of the court, which took place at four o'clock, Mr. Beecher and Mr. Tilton's counsel shook hands, and counsel on both sides were soon chattering together pleasantly and freely.

Our correspondent is seated but a short distance from George Alfred Townsend, alias "Gath." The Chicago correspondent who came on to interview Tilton, compares him with Christ, and publishes the letters. He is a dreamy semi-intellectual who looks as it he drinks. His *nom de plume* is said to have been bestowed upon him by a man who hoped, intending to call him "Gath," which is far more appropriate.

C. H. Requa.

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